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News in Brief

Free event set for Whiteman families

The Warrensburg Military Affairs Committee and the Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club is sponsoring a free event 6-10 p.m. today at the Warrensburg Community Center. "This is our way of saying thank you to our military families for all they contribute on a daily basis," said Tammy Long, Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce executive director. "We're doing this because it's important to support our military families. This also gives people an opportunity to relax since everyone has been working hard."

The event is open to Team Whiteman members and their families. The free activities include swimming, basketball, volleyball, chiropractic services and other entertainment. Pizza will be served throughout the night. Free child care will also be provided for children up to 4-years-old; however, the parents must be in the building.

Baseball games free to military

The Central Missouri State University baseball team offers free tickets to military members and their families for its home doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday. The team faces Washburn University of Topeka, Kan. For more details, call Bob Johnson at 660-543-8194.

BCC luncheon scheduled

The base community council luncheon begins at noon Thursday at Mission's End. The menu is chicken Caesar salad. The cost is \$7.50 for members and \$9.50 for nonmembers. Base members interested in attending must R.S.V.P. with a MasterCard or Visa credit card to the public affairs office by noon Monday at 687-6151.

Weather

Saturday

Partly cloudy



H 72°
L 48°

Sunday

Thunderstorms



H 75°
L 53°

For more complete weather information, visit <https://www.whiteman.af.mil/509oss/osw/index.htm>. Courtesy of 509th OSS/OSW



Photos by Master Sgt. Terry Blevins

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Tech. Sgt. Tim Glenn directs an A-10 April 18. He's a crew chief assigned to the 442nd Fighter Wing at Tallil Air Base in southern Iraq. Officials here say this is the first A-10 hot refuel in Iraq and the first time the R-14 fuel hydrant system was used in the process.

442nd Fighter Wing deploys to Iraq

(Editor's note: Only the rank and first name or call sign of the 442nd Fighter Wing members who are deployed were used in this story.)

By Tech. Sgt. Bill Huntington
442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

For the second time in as many years, the 442nd Fighter Wing received the call to arms to send its members and aircraft into harm's way on the battlefield.

After being activated for several weeks, 442nd FW members watched Operation Iraqi Freedom develop as coalition forces advanced from the south pushing deeper into Iraq.

When the wing received its deployment order, things began moving quickly.

The A-10s left for Massachusetts March 31 along with a C-141 Starlifter carrying the Enroute Support Team.

"The idea is that the EST aircraft, although it takes off after the A-10s do, is to land before their arrival at the next location to recover them after the flight," said Master Sgt. Tony, an A-10 crew chief.

Although the 442nd's main deploying body, as well as 900,000 pounds of cargo, left days after the A-10s, it arrived at the deployed location about the same time as the aircraft.

Because the A-10s are slower and require frequent refuelings, their journey was completed in four "legs." This also allowed the pilots time for crew rest along the way.

As soon as the C-141 landed at Barnes Municipal Airport, Mass., the EST crew serviced the A-10s for the next day.

The fog and heavy frost present did little to change the certain rhythm of activity that's evident among the A-10s. The launching of an A-10 is a



OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Tech. Sgt. Bill Stuart, 442nd Fighter Wing avionics technician, prepares an A-10 for a mission over Iraq April 18.

deliberate dance choreographed by years of experience and attended to with great focus and concentration. On time, the jets taxied out for take-off.

For most of the A-10s, the flight across the ocean went smoothly. For one A-10 pilot, however, things began to heat up ... literally.

About 45 minutes after takeoff, a diverter valve — designed to direct hot air from the engines to warm the cockpit — stuck in the full open position and Maj. "Strike," a 303rd Fighter Squadron pilot, felt the full blast of 350 degree heat on his legs.

"(The pilot) had been adjusting the valve and he got the valve to go to full cool," said Tech. Sgt. Aaron, another crew chief. "It got too cold so he tried to regulate it back but somehow the valve swung to full open and stuck."

"He took the full heat and there was no way to vent it outside either," Tony added. "You just can't roll a window down to cool things off."

Fortunately for the pilot, his anti-exposure suit provided some protection and he decided to continue on the journey despite the heat.

The pilot landed safely, as did the

other jets, but there was now an A-10 that needed fixing and a spare valve wasn't locally available.

Calls were made to Whiteman and a valve was located. With the aircraft scheduled to stay two nights, time was a critical factor.

Col. Mike Madelen, 442nd FW vice commander, loaded the valve into an A-10 and took off for Westover Joint Reserve Base, Mass. At Westover, Madelen gave the valve to a C-5 Galaxy crew bound for the 442nd's location.

When the valve arrived, the maintainers went through a four-hour ordeal to replace it. A big obstacle was the 600-gallon external fuel tank hung beneath the jet.

"Because of the external tank, we were unable to get the access panel completely open," said Tech. Sgt. Aaron. "We just undid the pins and completely removed the panel and (the maintainer) crawled up inside to replace it."

As they did at Barnes, the maintainers gathered at "oh-dark-thirty" to launch the aircraft for the next leg.

This was the longest leg of the journey and after nine hours the A-10s landed overnight at an undisclosed U.S. Naval Support facility in the Mediterranean Sea. After the jets left this location, they rejoined other 442nd members at the area of responsibility.

"We have overcome some huge obstacles and have met our mission tasking each time," said Lt. Col. "Rhino," senior 442nd FW member in Iraq. (Our) people here are coping with dust storms, heat flies, sickness and deplorable sanitary conditions with the usual 442nd professionalism.

"They are to be commended for their patience, and their work ethic ... they are proving why they are the very best."

Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg

509th Bomb Wing Commander

A YEAR IN RETROSPECT. A year ago this week, I was given the supreme honor to take command of the 509th Bomb Wing. With it, came the extraordinary privilege to work with our nation's best *Airmen* and the opportunity to make a difference for the Spirit Team!

I know what you are thinking, "We won the big war — Operation Iraqi Freedom!" Let me ask you this ... how?

If you were there at the change of command April 22, 2002, I challenged the wing with a new focus on our mission. It's very simple, but it's also the reason why we won the war — We kick doors down and kill targets! We met that challenge with ease. I also asked the wing to focus on three key areas during my tenure. First, focus on training. Second, improve the expeditionary capability of our people and the B-2. Finally, to fuse the B-2's unique capability with others. That is how we won this war!

With your commander's, chief's and supervisor's focus on your training, we changed the quality of each individual's ability to accomplish the mission. I have never seen a more prepared outfit ready to meet the challenges of the current Aerospace Expeditionary Force while simultaneously accomplishing the first fighting deployment of the B-2 — more than 700 members gone to contingency operations! If you didn't gather, that's the most deployed personnel this wing has experienced in its history.

The expeditionary challenge of sending

the B-2 to combat also made a remarkable difference.

More 509ers are exclaiming that we ought to only fight from abroad — send the Spirit to the enemy. That is a new mindset which started a year ago and is now a reality for this platform. Why? Because you made it happen! We won Operation Iraqi Freedom because a bunch of great Americans from our civilian force to all our airmen, including our contract teams and civilian community, bonded with a focus to fuse our B-2's unique nature with our nation's need to win this war with a decisive "Shock and Awe."

Now ask me how I feel a year later — more proud than when this journey began last year!

This next year is equally important for us to remember; we owe a great debt of gratitude to the American people for their support. If they ask what we did in Operation Iraqi Freedom ... be sure to tell them that we changed the face of aerial history over Baghdad and contributed to a new era for the B-2 because of you!

THEY ARE STILL DEPLOYED.

This week we will complete the final return of our B-2 Expeditionary Squadron ... our maintenance team returns Sunday. Yet, there are still more than 400 members deployed for AEF 8. Please remember, they are the cherished families that need our support. The AEF extension of their loved ones adds a new dimension to when they,



our deployed members, will return. Perhaps, we need to embrace their family even more. They are not forgotten and we have plenty of opportunity to help them during these difficult times of separation.

KUDOS AND WELCOME. Congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Joe Eccleton, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, on his selection to the Air Combat Command team that will take on the Royal Air Force in a terrific golf match in Scotland. Do us proud.

I'd also like to welcome our newest airman to Whiteman, Airman Timothy Stanford of the 509th Bomb Wing Chapel Team ... Spiritual Operations. Also, welcome aboard to Chaplain (Col.) Ed Peterson who is our acting wing chaplain until Lt. Col. Keith Darlington returns from AEF 8.

THE B-2 STATIC DISPLAY IS COMING. This week we broke ground for the future B-2 static display that will be prominently displayed on Spirit Blvd.

First, I would like to personally thank 1st Lts. Russ Carruth, 509th Contracting Squadron, and Matthew Lindstedt, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, for their hard work putting together the B-2 static ground breaking ceremony.

Second, thank you to a superb team effort from our 509th CES and CONS — Centennial Construction will build the site. They have done a lot of work to design and now build the one-eighth replica of our B-2 that will stand as a testament to Team Whiteman.

Finally, I want to publicly thank Northrop Grumman and Ken Gallagher, the NG site manager, for donating the B-2



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Gaddis

Staff Sgt. Luke Sanders, 509th Communications Squadron, backs a Ford bobtail into a C-5 Galaxy Tuesday as aircrew members of the 436th Airlift Wing from Dover Air Force Base, Del., guide him.

model that will forever be a bulwark of national pride for America.

YOU MUST TRAIN BEFORE YOU RIDE — A MOTORCYCLE REMINDER.

This week, we had one of our troops take a very nasty spill on his motorcycle. To say he was lucky is an understatement. He received some very serious bruises and lacerations that won't soon heal and the mission was directly impacted. We have now had two motorcycle safety incidents in 2003 ... one person is still recovering from an accident that occurred months ago.

Let me remind those who have or will purchase a motorcycle — the Air Force requires you to take the motorcycle safety course before you even take your first ride; even from the dealer's lot. Please heed this reminder — it's imperative you train before you ride. Our mission is in your hands when you ride a motorcycle — we need you!

FINAL NOTE. Thank you for the blessed year ... for our family and for this wing.

Whiteman family ensures its members receive quality care

Maj. Dave Hadden

509th Munitions Squadron Commander

Today, many 509th Bomb Wing members are deployed around the world. Before they left, I had the opportunity to shake the hands of nearly 300 troops. As each group departed, I said:

- ✓ How proud we were of them.
- ✓ That it was their game day; play like a champion.
- ✓ Not to worry about their families, because we're all in this together and we'll take care of each other.

I'll focus on this last comment.

In World War II, we pulled together as a nation and became one large family unit to survive a time of turmoil.

During that time, my grandparents, who emigrated from Sicily, owned and operated a small grocery store. They had difficulties mastering the English language. Despite this language barrier, I can still vividly recall their stories of how everyone helped each other during World War II.

I remember my great aunts and uncles mentioning how no troop ever left my grandparent's store without a sandwich, drink and cookies. If soldiers were not allowed to get off the "troop train" that had stopped in front of their store, my grandparents would run to the train to hand out



Courtesy photo

Family and members of the 509th Munitions Squadron, Maj. Dave Hadden, Nikki Van Sickle, Kayla Van Sickle, Tech. Sgt. Colleen Delery and Brandi Bolin, make care packages for deployed squadron members.

the drinks and cookies. They even gave their own food rationing stamps to the families of soldiers in need — most often by leaving bags of groceries at their doorstep.

Ironically, my grandparents were no different than any other American at that time — everyone performed simple "acts of kindness." Each citizen considered it a debt and an obligation to pass on generosity to others.

We have that same attitude of generosity at work here. From the top supervisor to the key spouse organization, everyone here helps the airmen and other people left "at home."

In our squadron, flight commanders and flight chiefs give "We care briefs" weekly concerning each deployed member in their flight. Many of them had the deployed member list specific concerns about each family member. These supervisors are the first line of assistance to help with legal, insurance and pay issues for the spouse left behind. The commander, first sergeant or maintenance operations officer also calls the single member's parents to let them know their loved one is doing OK.

Whiteman's support groups are the absolute best. From the 509th Services Squadron to the family support center, these organizations are behind the squadrons to help take care of our deployed members and their families. The commissary provides the deployed spouse section to help

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Mission showcase

Left to right: Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Col. Gary Finchum, 509th Mission Support Group commander, Ken Gallagher, Northrop Grumman site manager, and David Raley, Centennial Construction site manager, break ground for a B-2 static display Tuesday. The display, which is scheduled for completion July 25, will be located at the corner of Spirit Boulevard and Travis Lane. The one-eighth-scale replica will showcase the wing's mission of kicking down doors and killing targets.

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Photo by Master Sgt. Anthony Belt

One chapter closes

Army Lt. Col. Janett Hodnett, deputy inspector general for the Military District of Washington, D.C., pins a meritorious service medal on her brother Master Sgt. Harvey Hodnett, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron. Lt. Col. Hodnett is a survivor of the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the Pentagon. Master Sgt. Hodnett said he was sitting at his desk when he first heard about the plane crashing into the Pentagon. It took Master Sgt. Hodnett nearly five hours to learn his sister was able to get out of harm's way and didn't sustain any injuries. Lt. Col. Hodnett visited Whiteman to retire her brother April 11. "Thanks to all who helped me during this chapter of my life and have made my career successful," Master Sgt. Hodnett said.



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Academy award

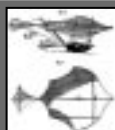
Senior Airman Ki Wan Kwak, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, looks for a supply item stock number. The quality assurance journeyman recently applied and was accepted to be a member of the U.S. Air Force Academy's class of 2007. The 22-year-old said this is something he's always wanted to do. The Korean-born airman received his citizenship in June 2002. He leaves Whiteman June 27 and plans to earn a degree in electrical engineering.



Courtesy photo

Youth of the Year

Corey Wielert and Laura Campbell play a round of foosball at the teen center. Gen. Hal Hornburg, commander of Air Combat Command, named Corey ACC's 2003 Youth of the Year. Corey's parents are Master Sgt. James and Teresa Wielert, 509th Security Forces Squadron. Campbell is a 509th Services Squadron recreation aide.



Centennial of Flight

George Cayley's 1853 glider — Cayley recognized and searched for solutions to the basic problems of flight. These included the ratio of lift to wing areas, determination of the center of wing pressure and the importance of streamlined shapes. Cayley predicted sustained flight wouldn't occur until a lightweight engine was developed to provide adequate thrust and lift, an event that didn't take place until the Wright brothers flight in 1903.

Sortie board



Monthly

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	560.0	380.0	333.2
Flown	641.0	856.0	264.3



Fiscal year

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	6350.0	3,870.0	4,200.0
Flown	4516.8	2,750.8	2145.1



Information is current as of Wednesday.

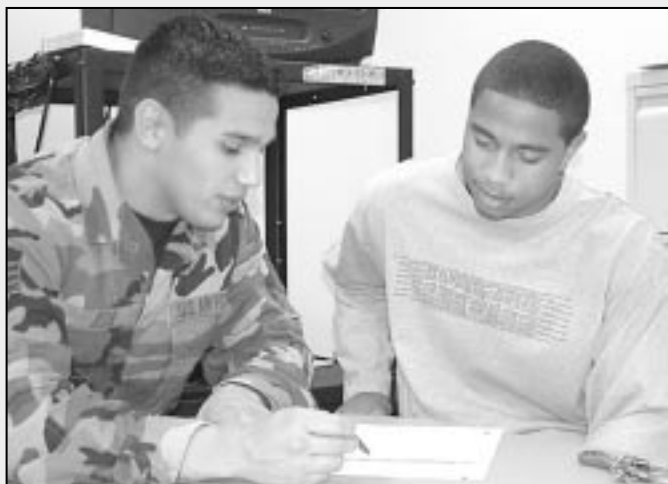


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SARS briefing

Senior Airman Keith Jessie, 509th Medical Operations Squadron public health technician, reviews post deployment paperwork with Airman 1st Class Aldous Lockwood, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Anyone who deploys must visit the 509th Medical Group Public Health Office to fill out a pre-deployment questionnaire and receive information about medical threats they may encounter in the deployed location including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome — a respiratory illness. SARS has been reported primarily in people having direct contact with an infected person. It's also occurred among air travelers to and from Hong Kong, Hanoi, Vietnam, Singapore, China and Toronto, Canada. Official travel is restricted for Department of Defense members and unofficial travel is restricted for military members to China and Hong Kong. The illness begins with a 100.4-degree fever, sometimes associated with chills or other symptoms to include headache, body aches and a general feeling of discomfort. People may also experience mild respiratory symptoms after the onset. Two to seven days following onset of SARS, patients may develop a dry, nonproductive cough. If you develop a 100.4-degree fever and have any other symptoms of the disease, call your primary care manager at 687-2188. The public health office is working with 509th MedGp staff members and the county public health office to identify and investigate any suspected cases of SARS. To date, SARS has not been reported in the Whiteman community. For more information, call the public health office at 687-4308.

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Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Nixon

Col. Larry Felder, 53rd Test and Evaluation Group commander, hands the guidon to Lt. Col. Britton Bankson, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron commander, as Master Sgt. Jim Connors, 72nd TES, looks on.

Wing welcomes new commander

Name: Lt. Col. Britton Bankson
Squadron: 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron

Date assumed command: April 15

Previous assignment: Chief of Standards and Evaluation, 53rd Test and Evaluation Group at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Time in service: 18 years
Commissioning source: U.S. Air Force Academy

Family: spouse, Wendy; daughter, Luika, 15; and son, Adam, 12

Hobbies: Weightlifting, running, golf and spending time with family

Why is the squadron important to the Air Force mission: We're responsible for B-2 opera-

tional test and evaluation of all new weapons systems, software and logistical support required. What we test today is used in the battlefield within a matter of days sometimes.

Command philosophy: Recruit and train the best people, take care of them and their families, set the course and then get the heck out of the way!

Goals for new position: Safe and successful tests of at least three new weapons systems being added to the B-2's awesome arsenal in the next few months. Plus two major B-2 software updates over the next two years. Finally, providing a rapid response process to the 509th Bomb Wing's ever emerging combat requirements. We will have our hands full!



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New medals authorized

Jasmine Alvarado, military clothing sales store clerk, finishes a transaction with Airman 1st Class Matthew Novotny, 509th Security Forces Squadron. A recently signed presidential executive order authorized the Department of Defense to create two new medals for service in the global war on terrorism. The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal recognizes service members who participated in an expedition to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. It's limited to those who deploy as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal recognizes service in military operations on or after Sept. 11, 2001. It's limited to Operation Noble Eagle and to those service members who provide support to Operation Enduring Freedom from outside the area of eligibility designated for the expeditionary medal. Each service will prescribe the appropriate regulations for processing and wearing the medals. The medals must also be evaluated by the Institute of Heraldry for uniformity and quality. The medals will be available at the MCSS after they are released for sale by the Institute of Heraldry.



Expeditionary



Service

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1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)



Left: Master Sgt. Thomas Yerkey, 509th Contracting Squadron, fills out a performance feedback worksheet. One requirement for military members is performance feedback, conducted by the member's supervisor. Feedback is used to ensure a supervisor's expectations are understood. Yerkey said supervisors should use the back of the PFW for enlisted reviews to document supervisors' expectations and discussions with their troops. It's important troops understand the standards their supervisors expect them to uphold. Right: Yerkey discusses a PFW with Tech. Sgt. James McCoy, 509th CONS.



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Whiteman Spirit Award



Airman 1st Class Stephanie Smith

509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Airman 1st Class Stephanie Smith, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Monday.

Staff Sgt. Michael Degering, 509th LRS, nominated Smith for the award.

With more than half of her shop deployed, Smith stepped up to fill a void as an outbound cargo floor manager. Degering said the position is normally assigned to a senior airman or above, making her the youngest airman in at least seven years to hold the position.

Her new duties include inventory, ensuring all high-priority shipments are correctly packed and reconciling billing statements. "She does all this with a smile and a 'can do' attitude," said Degering. "She is an exceptional airman who willingly accepted exceptional responsibilities."

With such outstanding job performance, it's easy to see why Smith recently won the Whiteman Professional Transporter of the Year award, the staff sergeant said.

"Smith definitely leads by example," said Degering. "Other airman in the shop look to her for guidance and experience."

Personally Speaking

Duty Title: Outbound cargo floor manager

Time on station: 1 year, 9 months

Time in service: 2 years, 3 months

Hometown: Bemidji, Minn.

Spouse: Travis

Goals: To receive senior airman below-the-zone and complete my associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Hobbies: Fishing, four-wheeling, and spending time with family and friends.

Pet Peeves: Negative attitudes.

Best thing about Whiteman: The location and the family oriented parks.

What motivates your winning spirit? My husband, co-workers and senior leaders.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? Have more social gatherings, like the Enlisted Luau.



Civilian Employee of the Week

Ronnie Swanson was nominated for this award by Meladee Bay, 509th Services Squadron. Swanson is a programmer at the community center and provides assistance for the center's customers. Bay said after receiving several facility comment cards, many people wrote Swanson made their visit enjoyable. "Regardless of whether it's an officer, parent or child, Ronnie always goes out of his way to make sure he surpasses the customer's expectations," said Bay, the family member programs flight chief.

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Submitting

Civilian Employee
of the Week

To nominate a civilian employee,
send an e-mail to
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Be sure to include why this person
is being nominated.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

‘Dirt boyz’ diggin’ it

Senior Airman Josh Angus (far left) throws a shovel full of mud as Airman 1st Class Dennis Hagglund gives direction to back hoe operator Airman 1st Class Chad Jones. The 509th Civil Engineer Squadron members, better known as “Dirt Boyz,” dig a trench to lay pipelines for better water drainage on the corner of Vandenberg Avenue and 2nd Street.

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Dispatching Whiteman



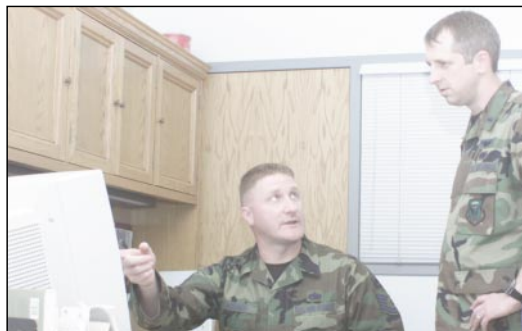
Airman 1st Class Adam Sperandio, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operator, performs a routine inspection on a forklift. Sperandio is a member of the squadron's vehicle operations element. The element dispatches and maintains 63 government vehicles ranging from heavy equipment, like this forklift, to new-model sedans and busses.



Senior Airman Maurice Caton, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, puts the finishing touches on a General Services Administration sedan for a distinguished visitor. The GSA is a lease program that replaces vehicles when they reach so many miles or years of age. This helps improve the quality of the general purpose vehicle fleet. The GSA vehicles support visiting teams, distinguished visitors and transportation for the base's senior leaders.



Staff Sgt. Daryl Maniscalco hands Senior Airman Nina Cho a vehicle packet. Cho is one of the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron members assigned to drive distinguished visitors when they visit Whiteman. Maniscalco and Cho are assigned to the squadron's vehicle operations element.



1st Lt. Craig Lowery (standing) and Tech Sgt. David Hodges, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron members, discuss convoy operation details. The 509th LRS vehicle fleet is worth more than \$1.3 million.



Staff Sgt. Christopher Spencer, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, fills out government driver's license paperwork as Airman 1st Class Juan Washington, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle dispatcher, looks on. To date, 3,800 licenses are maintained by the 509th LRS dispatch staff. Whiteman members who operate a government vehicle must have a license in the database. Government vehicle licensing is provided at the vehicle dispatch office. For more details, contact your unit vehicle control officer or call 687-3408.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Senior Airman George Sipp, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, points out details of an engine compartment while training Tech. Sgt. Dermoth Higgins, 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron, how to properly inspect a 10-ton tractor. Typically, vehicle operations members dispatch more than 60 transportation requests per day. Vehicles are dispatched for aircrew support, and pickup and delivery of critical B-2, T-38 and A-10 aircraft parts to maintainers on the flightline. Vehicles are also dispatched for distinguished visitors, vehicle recovery of downed assets and heavy equipment operations throughout the wing. The 509th LRS vehicle operators are qualified to drive 28- and 44- passenger buses, forklifts, wreckers and tractor/trailer combinations. "With only 34 members assigned, we make it happen for every contingency, air show, visiting inspection team, exercise or deployment Whiteman engages in," said Tech. Sgt. David Hodges, 509th LRS superintendent of the vehicle operations element.

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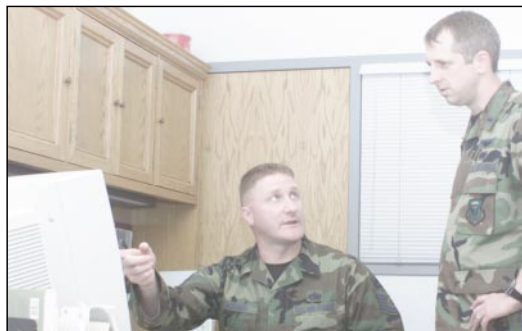
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Senior Airman George Sipp, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, points out details of an engine compartment while training Tech. Sgt. Dermoth Higgins, 442nd Civil Engineer Squadron, how to properly inspect a 10-ton tractor. Typically, vehicle operations members dispatch more than 60 transportation requests per day. Vehicles are dispatched for aircrew support, and pickup and delivery of critical B-2, T-38 and A-10 aircraft parts to maintainers on the flightline. Vehicles are also dispatched for distinguished visitors, vehicle recovery of downed assets and heavy equipment operations throughout the wing. The 509th LRS vehicle operators are qualified to drive 28- and 44- passenger buses, forklifts, wreckers and tractor/trailer combinations. "With only 34 members assigned, we make it happen for every contingency, air show, visiting inspection team, exercise or deployment Whiteman engages in," said Tech. Sgt. David Hodges, 509th LRS superintendent of the vehicle operations element.

What's Happening

Community

Kindergarten enrollment available

Kindergarten registration for the 2003-2004 school year for Whiteman Elementary school students takes place by appointment only Tuesday and Wednesday. To be eligible to register, a child must be 5-years-old before Aug. 1. The child's birth certificate, immunization records and social security number must be provided. Bring only the child enrolling in kindergarten.

Each child will receive a skill-level screening. To make an appointment, call the school at 563-3028.

AADD monthly meetings set

Airmen Against Drunk Driving meets at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Term Airmen Center.

FTAC seeks team leader

The First-Term Airmen Center needs a senior airman or staff sergeant to volunteer for a 90- to 120-day tour as a team leader beginning Monday. For more details, call Tech. Sgt. Rex Fleming at 687-6391.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Volunteer reception set

Whiteman volunteers and their families are invited to attend an annual reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the community center. Reservations are required.

Spouses' Appreciation Day set

A Spouses' Appreciation Day takes place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. May 9 at the family support center. Call for more details.

Teen employment seminar set

A class to help teens effectively complete a job application begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Reservations are required.

Class helps teens interview for jobs

A class designed to help teens effectively prepare and follow-through with a job interview begins at 6 p.m. Thursday reservations are required.

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Stocking for case lot

Jean McEwan, commissary employee, stacks boxes in the store's warehouse. A spring case lot sale takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 2 and 3 at the commissary. For more details, call 687-5655.



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Travel time

Tickets and Travel manager Christina McCormick schedules a vacation cruise package for a customer. The Tickets and Travel office offers discounted tickets to local and national attractions. Special military discounts are offered to active-duty and Reserve members, and their dependents at select national amusement parks. The Tickets and Travel office is open 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. weekdays and Spirit Days, and 8-11 a.m. Saturdays.

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out with our care packages. The 509th SVS sponsors a family night at Ozark Inn.

The key spouse groups spend endless hours making and receiving phone calls to and from our spouses of our deployed members. They bake cookies, bread and cakes for those troops who are working 12-hour shifts. Some spouses have organized weekly outings just to get the children and parents out of the house. Several key spouses have also visited the homes of the spouse left behind.

We're doing an excellent job from the base to reach out and help each other. Just as it was during World War II, we must maintain our support from a distance as well as supporting our neighbors. We are a family of Americans and a family at Whiteman. When the stress of conflict begins to wear down your neighbor across the street, pick up the pace. Trust me, your neighbor will pick up the slack when you become weary. If you know your neighbor is deployed, take the time to stop by and see if the family is doing OK.

Our troops are serving our country in the most loyal manner possible — let's not let them down in our own neighborhoods!

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A 'Royal' welcome

Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, shakes hands with Kansas City Royals' second baseman Mendy Lopez at Kauffman Stadium Saturday. Raaberg, along with members of the Army, Navy and Marines, threw out first pitches of the Royals' matchup with the Detroit Tigers for Military Appreciation Day. Kansas City edged the Detroit 4-3.

Can you dig it?

Clinton Martens, 509th Services Squadron, tosses up a ball before delivering a serve in the 509th SVS extramural volleyball team's playoff matchup against the 509th Maintenance Group. Services beat the 509th MXG team 25-14, 25-15. The volleyball championship games begin at 5 p.m. for extramurals and at 6:30 p.m. for intramurals Monday at the fitness center.

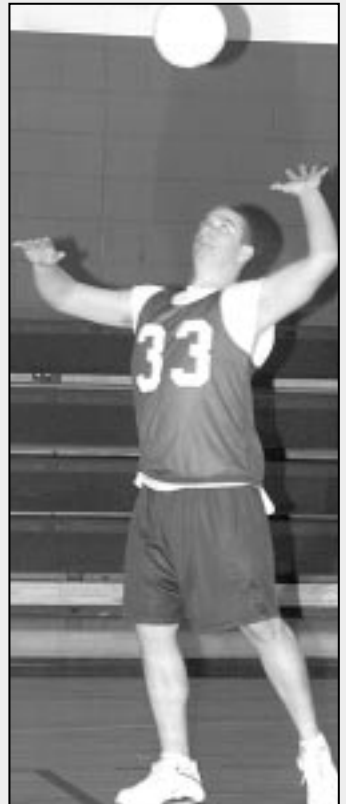


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It's mine

Above: Adrian Kelly, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, lunges for the ball, as Todd Stewart, 509th Operations Support Squadron, and Matthew Lewin, 509th Maintenance Squadron, close in. The 509th AMXS intramural soccer team beat the 509th OSS team 5-1 Monday. Right: Jonathan Main, 509th AMXS, attempts to control the ball, as Jason Aeshliman, 509th Mission Support Squadron, defends. The 509th AMXS team acquired Aeshliman from the players' pool.





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Win a romantic getaway! Two nights in a king-size jacuzzi suite.

No purchase necessary.
Stop by Tickets & Travel for entry forms.
Ticket & Travel is located in the community center. For more information, call 687-5643.
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Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Katy Trail bike ride

Ride the Katy Trail from Hartsburg, Mo., to Mokane, Mo., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$7 and a free bike rental will be provided if needed.

Boater safety class

Receive certification to rent a boat at outdoor recreation 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday or 9-11 a.m. May 3. The free class is required to operate boats from outdoor recreation.

Base pool opens Memorial Day weekend
Entrance to the base pool is free May 24-26. Discount season passes can be purchased at outdoor recreation Thursday through May 23. Family season passes are \$45 and single season passes are \$20. Season passes purchased after May 23 are an additional \$5.

Cycling incentive program

Cyclist can earn free incentive awards for participation in outdoor and indoor cycling activities. For more information, contact the outdoor recreation or the fitness center.

Mission's End 687-4422

HBO boxing series

Gather friends and family to watch the cruiser weight championship boxing match on plasma TVs 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the Lavene Lounge. This is a free event.

Ozark Inn 687-5476

Family night

Families of deployed members can dine 4-8 p.m. every Tuesdays. A surcharge will be applied to staff sergeants and above. Prices vary. Special children's meals are available. A movie on the big-screen TV will be played. Bring a copy of your deployed spouse's orders on the first visit.

Skills Development Center 687-5691

More classes offered

The skills development center offers classes such as pottery, ceramics, spinning and more. These are classes offered in addition to the regularly scheduled classes. Students interested in taking these classes can visit the skills development center.

Annual Spring Craft Bizarre

The annual spring craft bizarre take place 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 17. Vendors can reserve space now through May 15. Cost is a \$10 vendor fee.

Youth Center 687-5586

Members only fun night

Kindergartners through fourth graders can play indoor and outdoor games during members only fun night 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 2. The cost of \$5 includes popcorn and drinks.

Pitch, hit, run event

Youth ages 7-14 can showcase pitching, hitting and running abilities 11 a.m. May 3 at the Pepsi-Pitch, Hit and Run event at the youth baseball fields. Prizes will be awarded to age group champions and national finalists receive a trip to Chicago for the 2003 All-Star Week. Registration takes place through May 2.

B.R.I.D.G.E.

Five- through 12-year-old children of deployed military members can participate in rollerblading, skating and riding scooters 3-5 p.m. Saturday. Scooters will be provided. Call 687-5586 each Monday to make reservations. This free program is offered Saturdays by the youth center.

Teen Center 687-5819

Military worksites supervisors

Military worksite supervisors needing teen volunteers for the summer can attend an informational meeting beginning at 9 a.m. Thursday at the teen center.

TEENSupreme Keystone club

The Keystone Club meets 7-8 p.m. Thursday. This free leadership club offers help to others through community service.

Youth employment skills orientation

Ninth- through 12th-graders can attend an employment skills meeting beginning at 6 p.m. May 8 and 22 at the teen center. Teens can learn job skills and earn \$4 per hour toward college tuition by volunteering at base organizations during the summer. Air Force sponsors or a person with power of attorney must attend the meeting with the teen.

Stars & Strikes Bowling Center 687-5114

Families of deployed military members

Games are half price for spouses and free for children of deployed members 5-9 p.m. Mondays. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$1 each for game and shoe rental. Bring a copy of deployed spouse's orders each visit.

Community Center 687-5617

Free salsa class

Learn to salsa dance free at 7 p.m. today.

Tantalizing toddler contest

Parents can enter their child, 12- to 24-months old, in the tantalizing toddler contest Thursday through May 8 at the community center. No copyrighted photos are allowed. The public will anonymously pick winners until May 23. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners.

'Darts Vader' throw-a-thon

Challenge others in a game of darts beginning at 2 p.m.

Dogs on 'Pawade Pawty' 2-4 p.m. May 10 Skelton Park

Dogs and owners can wear costumes, have fun, play games, watch Air Force dog demonstrations and win prizes! Treats are provided for everyone! Contests include: best trick, most obedient, best matching outfits, and pet and owner look-a-likes. This is a free event. More information is available at the base veterinarian clinic and Pet Exchange in Knob Noster. Sponsored in-part by Diamond Pet Food. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.



Thanks Crown Ford for supporting our troops!

Mel Turner, owner of Crown Ford (left), and retired Master Sgt. Michael Woods (right) donate \$1,000 to Nicole Luning, 509th Services Squadron sponsorship coordinator, to help support military troops and their families. The donation will be used to enhance services activities. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

May 3 to win the title of "Darts Vader." This event is open to all ages. Cost is \$3.

Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

Orientation class

There is a need for infant and shift care providers. Receive free certification to become a family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. May 12-16. Sign up by May 9. Stop by the FCC office and pick up a registration package.

Fitness Center 687-5496

May fitness 5k run

Runners or walkers can participate in a free 5k fun run noon-1 p.m. May 1. Refreshments and prizes are provided.

Varsity softball tryouts

Varsity softball tryouts take place until May 9. Anyone wanting to try out must sign up at the fitness center.

Royal Oaks 687-5572

Kids can learn to golf

Youth ages 6-13 can learn how to golf June 2-6 at Royal Oaks. The cost is \$49.95 and includes golf clubs. The cost for youth with golf clubs is \$25. This program includes five one-hour sessions, training booklets, and a nine-hole parent and child tournament. Participants win a one-day pass to Worlds of Fun. Sign up by May 12. Sponsored in part by Fowler's Family Auto's. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

Agent Cody Banks PG 7 p.m.
Starring— Frankie Muniz & Hilary Duff
Teenager Cody Banks is recruited by the U.S. government to be a special agent who they call upon when they're faced with a mission. That's usually accomplished by someone older.

Saturday

Tears of the Sun R 7 p.m.
Starring -- Bruce Willis & Monica Bellucci
A team of Navy SEALs is sent into the jungle in the heart of Nigeria on a search-and-rescue mission for a doctor. Can a handful of U.S. soldiers get to their rendezvous point before several hundred African soldiers get to them first?

Sunday

Willard PG-13 5:30 p.m.
Starring -- Crispin Glover & Laura Harring
Pestered by his coworker, Willard gets revenge when one of his pet rats is killed at work. He sends an army of rats to descend on those who did Willard wrong.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50
Movie recording line 687-5110
Movies are subject to change due to availability.